

Map Your Field Site

Your field site may be your backyard, your schoolyard or a nearby area that you have chosen. This activity should be done as accurately as possible, so try to be as observant as possible as you walk.

Directions:

1. Walk the entire field site first, observing all the various features of your area.
2. Using a pencil, sketch *major* topographical features, buildings, and general areas.
3. Color each square on the grid within your field site to show what type of food source habitat is in that area/section of your field site. You may have multiple cells of one color and few cells of other colors.
4. Use the color chart below. If you find a type of habitat not listed on the chart, add it and assign it a color.

Concrete/Asphalt	Black
Mowed Grass	Purple
Unmowed Weeds or Vacant Lot	Yellow
Prairie Plants/Shrubs	Green
Tree-Shaded Area	Red
Leaf Litter-Covered Area/Forest	Brown
Combination Area (describe)	

This worksheet supports the **Ground Cover** activity on The Field Museum's *Underground Adventure* Web site: www.fieldmuseum.org/undergroundadventure.



